

PETITIONS FOR UMT CIRCULATED BY LEGION HERE

Drive to Support Peacetime
Draft of Young Men
Gets Started.

RADIO PROGRAM SUNDAY

100 Members of Local Post
to Ask Voters to Sign
in Favor of Plan.

Supporting the American Legion's program for the adoption of Universal Military Training, members of the local Legion post are circulating petitions to be sent members of Congress.

Lew G. Sharpnack, commander of the local Legion post, said today that petitions are in the hands of an estimated 100 members of the post.

An explanation of Universal Military Training will be given in a 15-minute program over radio station WCSI-FM at 3:45 Sunday afternoon. A mother, father and son will take part in the skit.

"The American Legion advocated Universal Military Training in the beginning and is backing it 100 per cent," Mr. Sharpnack said. "The Legion feels that the lack of an adequate reserve was one of the major factors causing the nation to become involved in the last two world wars."

To Come Up Soon.

The UMT proposal is one of the first major issues to come before the present session of Congress and the local Legion hopes within the next ten days to forward petitions containing several hundred signatures to Rep. Earl Wilson and the Hoosier senators.

The only requirement in signing a petition is that the person be a legal voter, Commander Sharpnack said.

Pointing out that public opinion polls had shown 76 percent of the American people in favor of Universal Military Training, the local Legion commander added he felt little difficulty would be encountered in getting signatures on the petitions.

The Legion's action is the first concerted move here to give support to a peacetime training program, although there has been considerable discussion in favor of such a plan.

On the other hand, the Bartholomew County Ministerial association in March, 1946, announced that it had gone on record as opposed to compulsory peacetime military training.

Copies of a resolution opposing military training and endorsing the policy of international cooperation of the United Nations organization were forwarded at that time to President Truman and Indiana Congressmen.

Has Bearing On Camp.

While a compulsory military training would affect practically all young men in this county, the issue also is of particular interest here because of its probable bearing on Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Army Air field.

The War department previously announced that Camp Atterbury will be put into large-scale use if compulsory military training program is adopted. It also is believed that if the camp is put into use, the Air Force will make active use of Atterbury Army Air field, located at the north edge of Columbus.

At the present time both camp and air base are on a standby basis with little activity taking place. Principal activity at Camp Atterbury is that of the Indiana National Guard, which is using the camp as a warehouse site.

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REACTIVATION OF ATTERBURY IS PROBABLE

DROUTH ENTERS 18TH DAY; CORN CROP WITHERING

Sprouts Turned Yellow by Longest Spring Dry Spell in History.

Monkey Still At Large

The carnival's fugitive monkey was still at large today after last being seen on the roof of the Ralph Brown residence, 827 Reed street, at 6 o'clock this morning.

The little Rhesus monkey escaped Monday night from

Pickets Protect Communist Bill



FOR EXPANDED ARMY TO BE TRAINING UNIT

1948_06_03_Atterbury probably re-activated

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FOR EXPANDED ARMY TO BE TRAINING UNIT

Appropriation Bill Contains \$225,000 for Maintenance—Airfield Remains on Group 'B' List.

Camp Atterbury is one of four new inactive Army camps which the Army is planning to use as training centers in its expanded program, according to the Army and Air Force appropriation bill which the House of Representatives passed Wednesday and sent to the Senate.

This confirms what Army officials told the Inter-City Action committee more than a year ago, but leaves unanswered the questions of when the camp will be put into active use and how extensively it will be used.

3 Win in Courtesy Contest

Winners in the Courtesy Week contest to select the saleswoman and salesman in Columbus retail stores considered by the buying public as outstanding in courtesy were announced today by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Courtesy Week, observed here May 17-22, was sponsored by the Chamber under the direction of the retail committee.

Two saleswomen tied for first place in the women's division of the contest, each receiving 18 votes. They were Miss Margaret Metzler of the White House Department store and Mrs. Frances Schults of Brunning's Basement.

The winner in the men's division was Muri Clark of Naps Book store, with a total of 28 votes.

The contest was on the basis of ballots cast by the public. The ballots were printed in The Evening Republican daily during Courtesy Week.

Miss Coons Third.

Third place in the women's division was won by Miss Edith Coons of F. J. Meyer company, while Adolph Snyder of Vorwald grocery and Carl Miller of Simmen Hardware company received second and third places in the men's division.

Thirty-four saleswomen were nominated for the award, with a total of 106 votes cast. Twenty-two men were nominated, with 80 ballots cast.

The winners in the contest will be guests of honor at a special retail business luncheon to be held by the Chamber of Commerce later this month. Prizes of \$10 merchandise certificates for first places and \$5 certificates for second places in the two divisions of the contest will be presented at the luncheon.

Saleswomen who received votes in addition to the first three places, were:

Mrs. Bonnie Hall, Mrs. Lowell Barrows, Mrs. Mary Calhoun, Miss Florence Cramer, Mrs. Lela Compton, Mrs. Helenora Covert, Miss Mary Doup, Mrs. Frank Elliott, Miss Lenora Fiesbeck, Miss Lela Green, Mrs. Lillian Gorrie.

Other Vote Getters.

Mrs. Pearl Gross, Miss Betty J. Harden, Miss Martha Harris, Mrs. Florence Haas, Mrs. Lu Inna, Miss Essie B. Jolly, Miss Martha Kennedy, Miss Agnes Mundi, Mrs. Ileen Mahoney, Miss Ellen Nordman, Mrs. Mable Prather, Mrs. Clementine Robertson.

Mrs. Alma Scherck, Mrs. Ora Thurston, Mrs. Howard Whitehouse, Miss Helen Wright, Miss

The answers to those questions appear to hinge on action Congress takes on the size of the Army and how soon the expansion program can be put into effect.

The appropriations bill passed in Washington by the House on Wednesday contains a \$225,000 expenditure for annual maintenance at Atterbury.

\$25,000 for Phones.

The sum of \$25,000 also is included to improve the telephone system at the camp. The camp's original telephone system was removed after the camp was inactivated at close of the war.

Atterbury Army Air field, located at the northern edge of Columbus and available as an air base for Camp Atterbury, is to be retained on the so-called "Group B" list of Air Force installations which are scheduled to be retained by the Air Force in various stages of inactivity. Air Force officials explained to the House committee.

The officials told the House committee that retention of these "Group B" posts was essential to insure provision for immediate expansion in a national emergency.

Still Problematical?

Local members of the Inter-City Action committee, composed of representatives from cities around the camp, urged caution today against over-optimism on immediate "big use" of Camp Atterbury. They stressed that extensive use of the camp still appears to be problematical.

However, they were encouraged by the confirmation that the Army has not changed its mind since telling them more than a year ago that Atterbury would be put to active use if the preparedness program was expanded.

At the present time there is only a small group of Army personnel at the camp, with Maj. M. S. Seal in charge. The camp is also supply depot headquarters for the Indiana National Guard and supplies for the guard's summer training program at the camp are now arriving there.

It is reported that a group of Army engineers will arrive at the camp late this month to get it into shape for the National Guard. The Indiana National Guard, including approximately 4,000 men, is slated to train at Atterbury Aug. 1-15, while the Ohio National Guard is scheduled to train at the camp Aug. 15-29.

Committee on Job.

The Inter-Action committee has been continuing its campaign to promote use of Atterbury if additional Army camps are needed by the Army, but recently there has been little that the committee could do. L. E. Reeves of Columbus, committee chairman, said today.

Other local members of the committee are Joe L. Cummins and Stephen M. Baker.

Capt. Andrew Johnson, commanding officer at Atterbury Army Air field, said today that as far as he knew there has been no change in status of the local field.

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House OK's \$3½ Billion For Navy

WASHINGTON, June 3 (UP)—The House today passed and sent to the Senate a \$3,686,733,150 bill to maintain the world's biggest Navy in the fiscal year starting July 1. Passage was by voice vote.

This action came after the House heard from Rep. Albert Thomas, D., Tex., that Soviet Russia now has 250 submarines, including 50 of the long-range, deep-sea type developed by Germany at the end of the recent war. Thomas is a member of the House naval appropriations subcommittee.

The amount approved was \$261,000,450 below the budget request. Funds for aircraft were not included. Congress having provided for plane construction in a measure approved a month ago. Included was money to start construction of a 65,000-ton supercarrier.

Thomas told the House the Germans began the last war with 50 submarines and "almost won it" with them.

"Whereas we have three or four of the deep-sea Schnorkel type submarines," he said, "Russia has 50 of them."

A Schnorkel is actually a breather tube, which enables a submarine to remain at great depths for long periods of time without coming to the surface to recharge batteries.

Thomas said most of the yards where the Germans were producing the Schnorkel type subs when the war ended are located in Russian-occupied zones.

FAINT HOPE OF FINDING \$1,000

George Haas of 280 Brown street was on route back to Chicago today, but he had only faint hope of finding his lost \$1,000 bill.

Mr. Haas, a truck driver for the Silver Fleet line, arrived in Columbus shortly before noon Wednesday after losing a new \$1,000 bill Tuesday night at Chicago.

Word that he had lost the bill arrived here at almost the same time he did, via United Press.

Mr. Haas drives a regular schedule between Chicago and Columbus and left today on the north-bound trip. He said that he apparently lost the bill when he opened his wallet at the Silver Fleet terminal in Chicago.

He discovered the loss a short time later and made a search for the bill before reporting it to Chicago police.

Mr. Haas received the new bill Tuesday as partial payment for property he sold at Hartsville and had not had time to bank it before leaving here for Chicago.

DRINKS POISON.

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., June 3 (UP)—Funeral arrangements were made today for Carol Lynn Schumann, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Schumann, who died after drinking a glassful of weed killer. She was visiting her grandparents yesterday when she drank the poison.

1948_06_03_Camp to be used as training center. Atterbury Air Base also kept

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Equipment For Airport Here Sought

Continuing efforts to obtain war surplus equipment for the city of Columbus and \$50,000 worth of airfield equipment for the municipal airport, Mayor Robert L. Stevenson conferred Thursday in Chicago with War Assets and Civil Aeronautics administration officials.

The city of Columbus recently was given ownership of the 805-acre municipal airport at Walesboro by the federal government and city officials were informed that approximately \$50,000 worth of equipment is to go with the field, if it is found to be available.

City officials also have been informed that the deed to the airport property includes 10.61 acres of land four miles west of the field.

Also Get Range Site.

While the airport was in operation as an Army training field in connection with the cadet training program at Freeman field, Seymour, a radio range station was located on the 10-acre tract west of the Walesboro field.

Location of this station was a security secret and no public announcement of the station was made during the war. Radio equipment located at the site has now been moved out, but if the same or similar equipment is available and can be used by the city, it will be given to Columbus, CAA officials stated.

On a 1-day visit to Chicago Thursday, Mayor Stevenson conferred with C. R. Riock of the War Assets administration and Arthur Ruben of the CAA.

It was pointed out that equipment for the airfield will have to be located, but chances of finding the equipment appear fairly good, Mayor Stevenson said today.

Equipment Is Needed.

Officials fear that unless the equipment is obtained the city will be financially unable to keep the airfield in proper condition.

Even with the equipment, Mayor Stevenson stated, the city faces a problem in raising sufficient funds for maintenance of the runways.

A list of equipment which has been recommended for the Columbus port by the office of the district airport engineer of the CCA includes:

Two sets of gang mowers with tractor or weapon carrier; two mower tractors; two trucks with snow-plow attachments; a rotator snow plow; a patch roller; a harrow disc and drag; a seeder and drill; a blade grader; two dump trucks; an air compressor, and a drag line.

1948_02_27_Equipment for airport sought

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New Commander Takes Over at Camp Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, June 17—Col. Ernest A. Kindervater of the United States Army, has assumed command of Camp Atterbury. He replaces Major Millard Saul.

Col. Kindervater recently returned from Japan where he commanded the famous 3rd transportation military railway service in the army of occupation.

A veteran of two world wars, Col. Kindervater, is a graduate of the quartermaster corp school, the infantry school, the command and general staff school and has a background of over 40 years of military service.

Col. and Mrs. Kindervater have established residence on the Camp Atterbury military reservation.

Major Saul has been transferred to the quartermaster corps of Camp Atterbury.

1948_06_17_Col Kindervater assumes command of Camp Atterbury

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Atterbury Not In Draft Setup

Camp Breckinridge In Kentucky to Be Re- activated Instead.

Camp Atterbury will not be one of the newer Army camps used for the draftee program and instead, Camp Breckinridge, Ky., will be re-activated, according to announcement by Army officials today in Washington.

The announcement came as a victory for Kentucky supporters in the Atterbury vs. Breckinridge controversy.

In a news conference Secretary of Army Kenneth C. Royall listed Camp Breckinridge as one of the four camps where new training divisions will be activated.

No Mention Made.

No mention was made of Camp Atterbury and the United Press reported that Army officials said this indicated that nothing was planned at the Hoosier camp at the present time.

Camp Atterbury is inactive at present as far as a training is concerned. However, the camp serves as supply and service headquarters for the Indiana National Guard, which along with part of the Ohio National Guard, will train at Atterbury during the month of August. The camp is now being prepared for the Guards' summer training program.

Two years ago the Inter-City Action committee, composed of representatives from cities around Atterbury, was told by Army officials that Atterbury would be re-activated if the Army was expanded to the size where additional training camps would be needed.

Later the Inter-City Action committee received indirect information that Camp Breckinridge was being given the nod over Atter-

bury.

'Political Favoritism.'

This information brought a charge that "political favoritism" was being shown the neighboring state, which is the site of Fort Knox, Fort Thomas and part of Camp Campbell.

Army officials pointed out at that time that the area of Camp Breckinridge was larger than Camp Atterbury and that for this reason it might be more desirable.

The committee countered by charging that Atterbury and Breckinridge, built at the same time at the start of World war II, were originally the same size and that it was not until much later that additional land was purchased for the Breckinridge reservation.

The committee set out that additional land was available on the west of Camp Atterbury, but that the undesirable features of Breckinridge were ignored and more land was purchased there, instead of at the Indiana camp.

Meanwhile it was announced at Franklin that the Inter-City Action committee delegation from that city has sent a telegram to Rep. Gerald L. Landis, urging that Indiana senators and representatives use their influence in having Camp Atterbury reactivated for a training center for Army draftees.

The telegram was signed by a number of Franklin business firms. It read as follows:

"We, the undersigned business men, interested in the reactivation of Camp Atterbury (realizing Kentucky has a monopoly on Army camps), urge you to get Indiana congressional colleagues and both senators to work with you in interesting War department's designation of Atterbury as one of the four training centers anent the forthcoming draft."

1948_06_28_Camp Breckinridge gets nod instead of Atterbury

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500 GUARDS TO USE ARMY AIRFIELD HERE

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approximately 50 enlisted men. They will be here to service and direct planes coming in on missions over Atterbury.

At Field Until July 31.

The first group is expected to arrive at the field Saturday, following the advance detail which is arranging target areas. Use of the field by the Ohio Guard is expected to continue through July 31.

The planes to be brought in by the Kentucky and West Virginia Air Guard probably will be P-51's and A-26's, fighters and attack bombers. The planes will be based at the local field, in contrast to the Ohio planes, which will only stop here for fuel and ammunition.

It was announced some time ago that the Kentucky and West Virginia air units were tentatively planning to use Freeman field at Seymour. However, officers of the units later visited Atterbury field here and reported that it was more suited to their particular needs.

Captain Johnson, heading the permanent detail at the local base the past 13 months, will leave tonight to report at Lockbourne Field, Ohio, from where he will be assigned to the West Coast, expecting overseas duty.

Lt. Robert J. Johnson is taking over command of the detail here on assignment from Lockbourne Army Air Base, which is near Columbus, Ohio.

The Atterbury field is under the jurisdiction of Lockbourne field and has been on an inactive basis. However, there has been speculation that if an airborne division moves into Camp Atterbury next year, the local field will be used in the division's training program.

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500 Guards to Use Army Airfield Here

60 Planes to Be Based
at Local Port During
2-Week Training.

Approximately 500 men, members of the Kentucky and West Virginia National Air Guard, and around 60 planes are expected to move into Atterbury Army Airfield at the north edge of Columbus on Aug. 21 for a 2-week training period.

The Air Guard units from the two states originally were expected to use Freeman Field at Seymour for summer training, but are now arranging to use the base here, Capt. Andrew Johnson said today.

Captain Johnson, commanding officer of the permanent detail assigned to the local field, stated that present plans call for use of the base by the Kentucky and West Virginia units from Aug. 21 to Sept. 5.

Idle Long Time.

Use of the 2,000-acre air field by the Guard fliers will bring the field its first large-scale operations since glider units were stationed here for training during the war. The local field also served as a tactical training base for B-26 squadrons during the war.

However, the field here will see some activity next week, when the Ohio National Air Guard is scheduled to begin strafing and bombing operations over the Camp Atterbury reservation. The field here will serve as a fueling and armament base for planes flying in from Ohio fields to strafe and bomb targets at Camp Atterbury.

An advance detail for the Ohio Air guard arrived at the base Tuesday. The full contingent of Ohio men to be stationed here will total three to five officers and

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Dog Owners Are Given Warning

Persons who do not have city licenses for their dogs, regardless of whether the pets are allowed to run at large or are kept penned, will face prosecution starting next month, the city health and sanitation department announced today.

Only 260 dog licenses have been sold this year, compared to an estimated 1,000 dogs in the city, officials reported.

In order to purchase a city license a dog owner must show that the animal has been quarantined against rabies. This is a requirement under the newly-amended city ordinance on licensing of dogs and is aimed at eradication of the disease.

No Other Means.

Pointing out that prosecutions were to be made as a last resort, Lowell Barrows, city sanitation head, declared:

"I don't know any other means left of trying to get dog owners to purchase licenses for their animals.

"I believe many persons are under the mistaken impression that if the dog is kept penned or tied on the owner's premises no city license is needed.

"But the law is that the owner must have a license regardless of whether the animal is allowed at large."

The maximum penalty for a dog owner found guilty of violating

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1948_07_14_500 Guards to use Atterbury Air Field with 60 planes

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OHIO GUARD AT AIR BASE HERE

A detail of the Ohio National Air Guard arrived at Atterbury Army Air field here over the weekend and started maneuvers with the unit's P-51 fighter planes.

The Ohio Air Guard is slated to use the field during the next two weeks, engaging in strafing and bombing practice over ranges in the Camp Atterbury reservation.

During the final week of August and the first week of September the Kentucky and West Virginia Air Guards are slated to use the local field. At that time around 500 men will be stationed here, along with approximately 80 planes, according to present plans.

1948_07_19_Ohio Guard at Atterbury Air Base

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showers, heating and cooking
stoves, hot water tanks, double
well kitchen sinks, one panel door,
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hung windows, plasterboards, ply-
wood, insulation, ¾ oak flooring,
lumber. Call at Ridgeview Housing,
outside Freeman Field, contact T.
H. Davis, Office in Building 29A.
Phone 1177, Seymour.

1948_07_19_Selling Ridgeview fixtures and flooring

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1948_07_20_38th Division holds summer camp at Camp Atterbury

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Indiana National Guard Prepares For August Invasion of Atterbury

INDIANAPOLIS, July 20 (SpI)—More than 6,000 members of the Indiana National Guard will move into central Indiana's sprawling Camp Atterbury on Aug. 1, to launch the first annual postwar encampment of the famed 38 "Cyclone" Division and other non-divisional outfits.

Under Maj. Gen. Ben H. Watt, commanding the 38th, the Indiana Guardsmen will snap through two weeks of intensive field training with concentration on fundamentals of field combat training and with emphasis on infantry and artillery problems—the two principal assignments of the 38th—"Avengers of Bataan."

Recent recruiting and enlistment programs skyrocketed Indiana's ranks to approximately 6700 Guardsmen—including more than 100 Army units and 11 organizations, the latter based at Indianapolis' Stout Field and at Ft. Wayne's Baer Field. These Air units will take their two-weeks training at Baer Field from Aug. 15 to 30.

Indiana Adj. Gen. Howard H. Maxwell reported that no "involved" field training programs will be attempted but that emphasis will be placed on improved techniques of modern "blitz-type" field warfare.

To Stress Fundamentals

"We hope to install understanding of vehicle use in the field; to uncover and correct deficiencies in effective supply; and to give each man a firm and remembered grasp of basic fundamentals of successful field warfare," Gen. Maxwell declared.

Infantry problems and techniques will be supervised by Brig. Gen. Jesse McIntosh, assistant division commander to Gen. Watt. Gen. McIntosh reports that several advanced infantry programs will be used for instruction with a nucleus of "old-timers."

Firing on Atterbury's giant artillery ranges will be directed by Col. Norman Hart with concentration on smooth and speedy servicing of the artillery's 105's and 155's.

Liaison type aircraft of the 38th Division's liaison field facilities at Schoen Field, Ft. Harrison, Indianapolis, are expected to fly from Atterbury's airstrip in liaison and observation co-ordination assignments supervised by Maj. Robert H. Christy, the 38th Division air officer.

Offers Diverse Terrain

Camp Atterbury, also offers terrain for field problems for engineers, quartermaster and other specialized divisional and non-divisional units.

The camp, inactive now with only portions being readied for use by the Guard, will afford Indiana's Guardsmen (and the Ohio Guardsmen who train there the latter two weeks in August) an opportunity to train on virtually all types of terrain. Sharp hillsides and gullies edge rolling plain areas and several respectable rivers cut their way through the huge layout.

Gen. Watt, who has been active

in the Indiana National Guard for nearly 30 years, expressed satisfaction with progress of the training program throughout the Hoosier state and he pointed out that all units "have been soundly established in their home communities and enjoy the respect of those cities and their citizens."

"We have moved ahead on our training programs," Gen. Watt continued, "with the thought in mind to thoroughly teach basic fundamentals and then to undertake specialization of training with each man being better equipped to specialize because he is well-versed in those fundamentals."

"Today, the 38th Division is virtually complete in organization and each of the units we have established in more than 60 towns throughout Indiana is a dependable and solid organization with a steady record of improvement and progress."

Gen. Maxwell said that "the equipment and supplies picture has shaped up nicely and we will have ample stocks to inaugurate a comprehensive and varied training program at Camp Atterbury."

"When we return from camp this summer, the 38th Division and the entire Indiana National Guard will, I am confident, be well on the way to the highest standards of proficiency to keep us, as usual, among the best in the nation."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Medsker, Miss Dorothy Medsker and Miss Mildred Medsker entertained Sunday Miss Ruth Muck, Adam Muck and Lloyd Anderson, all of Edinburg. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferrier, of Fairland, called in the afternoon.

Alex Dart, who suffered a stroke recently, is showing improvement.



1948_07_20_38th Division plans August invasion of Camp Atterbury

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FIRST GUARDS TO LEAVE FOR CAMP TUESDAY

22 Members of Service Battery to Serve as Advance Detail.

OTHERS TO GO LATER

Officers and Men of Company C to Join in Summer Maneuvers.

One officer and 21 enlisted men of Service battery, 574th Field Artillery battalion, Indiana National Guard, located in Columbus, will go to Camp Atterbury as an advance detail Tuesday night to take part in the 15-day National Guard field training which begins Aug. 1.

Nine enlisted men and one officer of Company C, 132nd Infantry, 38th Division, will leave for camp July 30 as a motor convoy detachment.

The remaining two officers and 10 enlisted men of the Service battery will leave the local armory Saturday night via truck convoy, while the one officer and 48 remaining Company C men will leave Sunday morning for the training camp.

Members of Battery.

Members of the Service battery advance detail will be Warrant Officer (1st) Lester E. Davis, Thompson Dairy employe and commander of the detail, Master Sergeant Oscar J. Hartley, Staff Sergeant Billy C. Greenfield, Tech. 5 Gerald E. Perry, Tech. 5 Harold K. Broughton, Pfc. George D. Black, Pfc. Jack F. Jones, Pfc. Clinton E. McCord, Pfc. William E. Phares, Pfc. Norman B. Thompson, Pfc. Charles R. Tittle, Pfc. Jack L. Williams, and Private Charles E. Bumbalough. Elmo V. Correll, Vernon Jr. Harvey, Darrell D. Milnes, Edwin J. Shoults, Norman L. Sprague, Ambrose W. Thurman, and Donald L. Wine. S/Sgt. Donald L. Thornberry and Tech. 4 Carl Jr. Allman will attend a four-day cooks' and bakers' school which precedes the training period.

The officer and enlisted men for Company C have not been selected yet. These advanced details will have as part of their duty the drawing of supplies for their units.

The Infantry company has been holding regular Monday night two-hour drill sessions at the local armory, while the Service battery has held instructions Tuesday nights. All men of Company C are from Bartholomew and Jackson counties, while men from the service outfit are from points throughout the state.

Technical Sergeant Wayne Bessell, one of the caretakers at the armory here and a member of the Service battery, announced that the men have been issued blankets, carbines, mess equipment and other gear and that all rolling stock has been packed and is ready to leave. All officers and men in each outfit have received their immunization shots.

Pleased With Advance.

Captain Harold M. Huffman, commanding officer of Service battery said he was pleased with the advance of the boys in training sessions at the armory. He said that the Cummins Engine company of Columbus is making up the difference in pay for their employes who are leaving their jobs with the company to take part in the training.

The two Columbus National Guard units will be a part of the 428 men and officers from Headquarters and Headquarters detachment, Indiana National Guard, the 38th Division and the 3658th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company who will take part in the training period ending Aug. 15.

1948_07_24_First Guards leave for Camp Atterbury to set up.

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Guns Boom at Atterbury as Ohio Air Guard Gets Summer Practice

For the past week guns of the Ohio Air Guard's F-51 fighter planes, based temporarily at Atterbury Army Airfield here, have been ripping ground targets in the Camp Atterbury reservation.

Firing 50 calibre machine guns at 6 by 10 foot targets on the ground as their planes swooped low, the Air Guard fliers have been getting in their summer training.

A group of pilots from Columbus, Ohio, completed their air-to-ground gunnery practice Friday and another squadron from Dayton, Ohio, is expected to start using the local base Sunday, according to Major R. W. Wanke, commanding officer of the Ohio Guard detail here.

The targets which are strafed from the air by the F-51 planes are mounted on the ground at a 60-degree angle and have a 3-foot bull's-eye.

Fifty-four enlisted men and four

officers of the 55th Fighter Wing of the Ohio Air Guard are stationed at the local base. The detail at the base is under the command of Major Wanke and has the task of servicing the six F-51 planes of the wing which have been based here during the training period. The group also includes supervisory personnel.

The single-engine F-51's are the World War II P-51's, which have the changed designation of "F" for fighter plane, instead of "P" for pursuit plane.

Flown Here Daily.

Pilots of the 55th Fighter Wing have been flown here daily from Lockbourne Army Air base, near Columbus, Ohio, to fly the F-51's on the target missions over Camp Atterbury.

The pilots are shuttled in and out each day in a C-47 transport plane, leaving some nights as late as 10 o'clock.

A mess has been opened at the

base for the detail and rations are flown in from Lockbourne air base. Ammunition for the planes is provided at the base here.

The Kentucky and West Virginia Air Guards are still expected to use the local field through the last week of August and first week of September, according to Lt. Robert J. Robinson, new commanding officer of the permanent detail assigned to the local base.

Five hundred to 540 Kentucky and West Virginia Air Guard members are expected to be in the contingent at the field during the 2-week period. However, no further word concerning the units has been received since the original announcement several weeks ago that the Kentucky and West Virginia Air Guards planned to use the base for their training instead of Freeman field at Seymour. Prior to that announcement, the Guard units had been expected at Freeman field.

1948_07_24_Ohio Air Guard flies P-51's over Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Air Base

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Parade Scheduled At Atterbury On Friday

Camp Atterbury, Ind., Aug. 11
—(P)—The 38th (Cyclone) Division, Indiana National Guard, will hold a formal parade and review Friday with notables from Indianapolis and Washington attending.

The list of guests includes Governor Ralph F. Gates and Major General Kenneth Cramer, Chief of The National Guard Bureau. Several former ranking officers of the guard and present officers in both the guard and Army also will be present.

Major General, Ben H. Watt, commanding general of the division, said the parade is scheduled for 2:15 p. m. Friday on the camp drill ground west of post headquarters.

After the parade and review, the division will march to the camp rifle ranges for an all-night bivouac as a feature of the 15-day summer training camp, the division's first since the war, which ends next week-end.

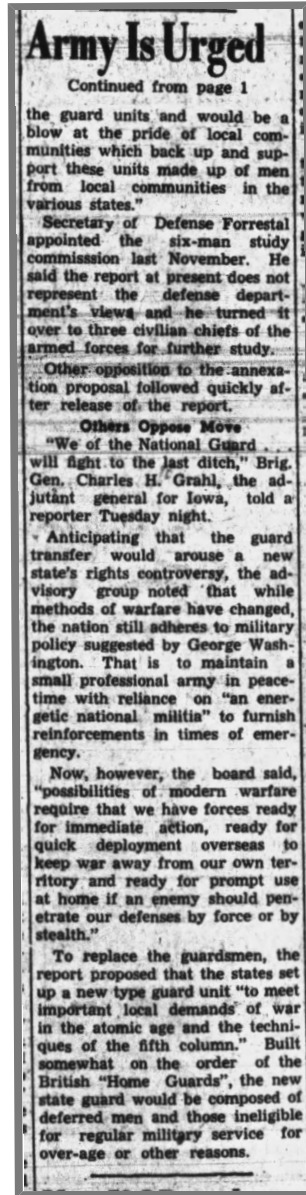
1948_08_11_38th Division schedules a parade at Camp Atterbury

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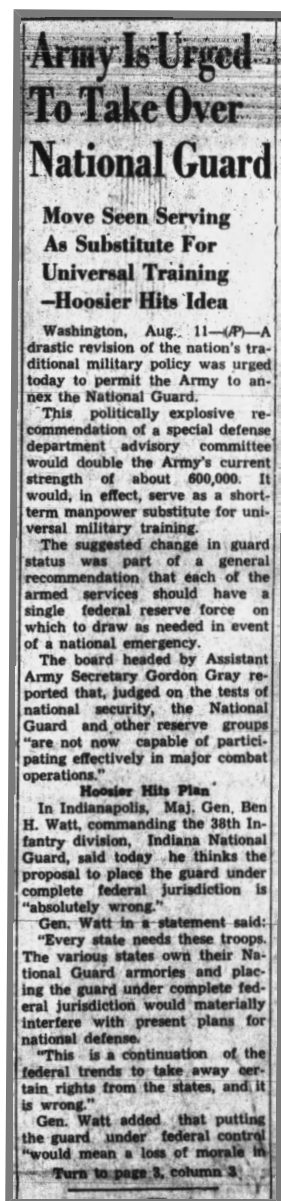
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Reactivation Bad News for Squatter



Pictured above are Donald Osburne, Atterbury "squatter," Mrs. Osburne and three of his children, in front of their home on the Atterbury reservation.

Vet Who's Lived at Atterbury 2 Years Will Have to Move Now.

Reactivation of Camp Atterbury is bad news for the big camp's "squatter."

Donald Osburne, local barber, who has housed his family in an abandoned home on the camp reservation for two years, received notice Thursday that he would have to move.

A veteran formerly of Ohio, Osburne moved into a house on the extreme west edge of the camp reservation in August, 1946, and then managed to by-pass efforts of Army authorities to have him moved out.

He was instructed to move several times, but refused to budge on grounds that he could not find another home and that there was no reason the house on the reservation should stand vacant.

Each time Army authorities let

the issue drop rather than cause a "tempest in a teapot," as one officer put it.

Situation Changed.

But reactivation of the camp changes the situation and it now appears that Osburne will have to move.

During part of the two years he has resided in the frame bungalow, Osburne has had his five children by a former wife with him. At present two of the children are living with him and his second wife.

The only remote chance that Osburne might keep the home is that the War department would consent to sell him the house and a small strip of the land. But he doubts if that could be arranged, as he tried to buy it before.

"I only hope that I can find another place, preferably in the country, and that I can stay here until I harvest the garden," Osburne said today. In addition to his garden he has six pigs on feed.

More than a year ago the War department offered to lease Osburne the home for \$10 a month, but he turned it down.

1948_08_11_Squatter on Camp Atterbury will have to finally move

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Work on Atterbury Rail Bridge Begun

Pouring of concrete piers to replace wooden piling at two railroad bridges leading into Camp Atterbury was started this week—a further indication of Army plans for putting the Hoosier camp on a more permanent basis.

There also have been reports to Atterbury that part of the former Wakeman hospital will be converted into apartments for families of soldiers stationed on the post.

The report that part of the big concrete block hospital buildings might be converted to apartments followed an inspection of the camp last week by General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Army ground forces.

Housing Bottleneck.

At the time the Army recently announced that it planned to transfer a full division to Atterbury it also stated that lack of housing in the Atterbury area was a principal objection against use of the Hoosier camp in the Army's expanded training program.

Conversion of part of the hospital buildings to apartments would offset at least part of this deficiency.

It is expected that within a few weeks considerable repair work will get under way at Atterbury

in preparation for transfer of a division to the camp by around the first of 1949, the date previously announced by the Army. Start of the major portion of the repair work may be delayed until after the Indiana and Ohio National Guard units complete their training at the camp.

May Be Air Group.

Reports are still current that an airborne division will be moved into Atterbury, although no official disclosure has been made by the Army.

The railroad bridge conversion work now under way at the camp is being done by the firm of Blackburn and Williams of Columbus, contractors.

The two structures are on the Pennsylvania railroad spur inside the camp reservation and originally were built of wooden beams placed on wood piling piers.

The piling will be replaced with ten reinforced concrete piers at one bridge and with four at the other. The piers will be 12 feet across at the bottom and 10 feet at the top. They will be 2½ feet wide at the bottom and 1 foot wide at the top.

The job will cost \$12,000 and is slated to cover a 45-day period.

1948_08_11_Work on Atterbury Rail bridge begins

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WARD FACES SECOND COUNT

EDINBURG, Sept. 1 — Lieut. John J. Ward, 39-year-old former Camp Atterbury post engineer, who faces a federal grand jury hearing next month in connection with theft of 12,000 sheets and pillow cases from de-activated Wakeman General hospital, has another charge against him which was filed Monday in Johnson circuit court.

The affidavit was signed by Rollin L. Ott of Franklin and charges that Lieutenant Ward cashed a \$1,155 fraudulent check Aug. 5 at the Johnson County National bank. The soldier is in the custody of the Marion county sheriff and Prosecutor Robert B. Lybrook said he would ask a restraintment on Lieutenant Ward.

The former Atterbury post engineer became well known in Edinburg while stationed at the nearby Army camp.

1948_09_01_Arrested for stealing 12,000 sheets and pillow cases at Wakeman.

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Camp Reactivation Still Set for '49

The Army repeated in Washington today that Camp Atterbury will be returned to active status early next year as a base for a division to be named later.

The statement was issued in reply to a query whether the big Hoosier camp might be put to large-scale use before the first of 1949.

There have been rumors that a division would be moved in sooner than the first of the new year, but most of these are believed to have stemmed from reports of probable work to be done at the camp prior to actual arrival of the division.

Officials at the camp said today that there was no activity there at present aimed at preparing the camp for arrival of more troops.

Engineers To Leave

The company of combat engineers which moved into Atterbury to prepare for the camp's use by the Indiana and Ohio National Guard is scheduled to return to Camp Campbell, Ky., Sept. 15, according to Col. Ernest A. Kinderwater, post commander.

The "clean-up" detail of the Ohio Guard moved out of camp Monday after the Ohio 37th National Guard division had spent two weeks at the camp. This left

the engineer company, which is to leave Sept. 15, the small station complement and the Indiana National Guard warehouse and ordnance sections.

Unconfirmed reports have been to the effect that the division to be moved into Atterbury the first of the new year will be an airborne division.

These reports originally developed from an Army announcement in Washington. Later the Army stated that it was not certain what division would be moved into the camp.

Work Is Likely

However, prior to the arrival of the division it is probable that considerable rejuvenation work will be necessary, including painting of most or all of the buildings. Considerable carpentry work also will be necessary.

According to one report, the Army also is considering conversion of a part of the former Wakeman hospital buildings into apartments for Army personnel. Lack of adequate housing facilities in the immediate Atterbury area has been the No. 1 drawback to active use of the camp, according to Army officials in Washington.

1948_09_01_Camp Atterbury still on schedule for re-activation in 1949.

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THIRD AIRPORT IS ESTABLISHED

Allen, Miller and Wood
Open Field North of
City.

A new airport is being established on Road 31A at the northwest edge of the city and already is seeing some use, bringing to three the number of non-military airports in the immediate Columbus area.

The new port is on the Carl Tellman farm and is being set up by Ancil Allen, Max Miller and Donald S. Wood, all of this county. Mr. Allen is serving as instructor for pilot trainees.

The field has two runways being developed on sod. The runways are 100 feet wide. One is 2,400 feet long and the other 2,800 feet. One is in an east-west direction and the other southwest-northeast.

The new field will be known as the port of the Riverside Flying Service. A building to serve as combination lounge and flight office is being erected and the Mid-West Propeller Service of Mr. Wood will be moved to the new site.

At the present time the flying service is operating with a Piper Cruiser and plans to add another plane in the near future.

Other non-military ports at the edges of Columbus are the Columbus Air Park on Road 31A at the southwest edge of the city and Columbus Municipal Airport off Road 31A at Walesboro.

1948_09_01_Third airport established for Columbus

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WORKER HIT BY STRAY BULLET

O. J. Guffey Reported Hurt
in Accident at Atter-
bury.

EDINBURG, Sept. 15—O. J. Guffey, living on the Andrew Parmelee farm near the entrance of Camp Atterbury, was injured Sunday when a stray bullet struck him in the head while he was driving a jeep on the rifle range.

He has been employed at the camp and was driving over the range about his duties when the accident happened.

He became unconscious. After regaining consciousness, he was lying beside the jeep and made his way to the nearest building from where he was brought to a local physician. A gash, which required several stitches to close, was cut over the left eye. His arm and side were injured when he fell from the jeep.

It is not known if the bullet came directly or struck an object before it glanced against the man's head.

He was doing as well as could be expected at his home this morning.

1948_09_15_Worker struck by stray bullet on rifle range

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Three Indicted For Thefts At Camp

Indianapolis, Sept. 21— (AP) — Federal grand jury indictments have been returned against three men charged with theft of more than \$20,000 worth of government-owned linens and scrap iron from Camp Atterbury.

Named on four different indictments are First Lt. John J. Ward, 39, Camp Atterbury Post Engineer; Abraham Levi, 67, owner of an Elwood junk yard, and Bernard J. Ward, 40, a Calumet City, Ill., bartender and a brother of Lt. Ward.

The indictments charged the trio with removing 8,000 bed sheets, 4,000 pillow cases, 48 boxes of bed spreads, a bale of woolen blankets, a bale of mattress covers, and five tons of scrap iron from the deactivated army base. The thefts allegedly occurred last April and May.

The grand jury also indicted Donald Brown, 44, former Elwood high school English teacher, for transporting an 18-year-old girl student to Ithaca, N. Y., for immoral purposes. FBI agents said the girl, Miss Verna Jean Parrill, told officers at the time of the arrest that they were writing a book together.

Earl L. Bruce and Elmer F. Huddle, both of Aurora, and Ralph M. Montgomery, Moores Hill, were indicted for siphoning 52 gallons of liquor from a bonded warehouse at Lawrenceburg.

Marson Wright, 29, Muncie, and David D. Stephens, 29, Farmland, were indicted for possession of 22.5 gallons of whiskey on which no tax had been paid.

Waynard Barbary, 31, and Frank Barton, 19, both of Evansville, were charged with illegal possession of marijuana.

Indictments returned from interstate automobile thefts included William C. Jones, 20, Tell City; Vincent Vert, 23, New Albany; Dolphus Walls, 23, Louisville, Ky.; Lawrence McDermott, 22, Dayton O., and William R. Caffee, 26, Louisville, Ky.

1948_09_21_three indicted for thefts at Camp

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SQUATTER TO GIVE UP FIGHT

Atterbury 'Tenant' Looking
for Room as Deadline
for Moving Nears.

Camp Atterbury's squatter said today that he was about ready to give up—and move out.

"I guess I'll just have an auction sale and sell what I've got, then move into some kind of a room or apartment," said Donald E. Osburne, local barber, who has resided with his family in a cottage on the Camp Atterbury reservation for two years.

"The big question still is whether I can find even a room," he added.

Osburne's family now consists of his wife and two sons. Three daughters by his former wife are residing with her at Washington Courthouse, Ohio.

Osburne, who was stationed at Atterbury during the war, served overseas and then moved onto the Atterbury reservation after being discharged from service.

The house, located at the southwest edge of the camp boundary, was standing idle. Osburne said he moved in after being unable to find anything else for his family.

Wednesday afternoon he was served with a federal eviction order and given five days in which to vacate the home.

1948_10_13_Squatter gives up and looks for a room

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U. S. Sues to Get Squatter Out of Camp

Climaxing its 2-year attempts to get a Columbus barber and his family off the Camp Atterbury reservation, the federal government filed an eviction suit Tuesday in federal court at Indianapolis.

Donald E. Osburne, the barber and an ex-G.I., said today that he had not yet received an eviction notice and that the first thing he knew about the suit was when he read an Indianapolis paper Wednesday.

"I still don't have any place to move and don't know what I'll do about the notice," Osburne declared.

Formerly stationed at Camp Atterbury, Osburne moved onto the Atterbury reservation with his second wife and five children Aug. 27, 1946. Since that time they have occupied a 5-room cottage at the extreme southwest corner of the camp reservation. The area is in Brown county.

The barber said today that the last contact he had with Atterbury officials was the first of August when he was given notice that he must move by Aug. 30.

Rent Free for 2 Years.

"I've had the place rent free for two years, but I've also spent about \$150 and my spare time fixing it up," he added.

At the present time Osburne, his wife and his two sons, 14 and 13 years old, are residing in the one-story cottage. His three daughters are with his first wife at Washington Courthouse, Ohio. All the children are by his first wife.

"Recently my wife has been asking me to take the three daughters, too. I don't know what I can do about that," he declared.

Shortly after Osburne moved his family onto the camp and set up as a "squatter," camp officials started efforts to get him to move. He contended that he could not find another residence. The War department then sought to get him to sign a lease, renting the property for \$10 a month.

"I would be glad to pay the \$10 a month, but they wanted \$100 in back rent and \$120 in advance rent, with no assurance that I could not be put out at any time," he explained.

Renew Efforts.

The past summer camp officials renewed efforts to convince Osburne that he should move. These efforts followed announcement that Atterbury was to be re-activated.

In filing the eviction suit Tuesday at Indianapolis, B. Howard Caughran, U. S. district attorney, contended that Osburne "occupies the property as a squatter without any claim of right."

Osburne has been farming a small section of land near the cottage.

"Most of my garden is now stored in the basement and I've also got my coal in for the winter," he said today.


1948_10_13_US sues to get Squatter out of camp

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As I See It

By Henry Everroad

TRAVELOGUE: Our first trip to Miami, Fla., by air was with Col. Roscoe Turner in a Lockheed Lodestar, a fourteen passenger plane. Camp Atterbury looks like a toy from 5,000 feet, but Brown county is beautiful like an Oriental tapestry. We passed over Freeman field, Louisville, the great TVA project, Knoxville, the Great Smokies and the floods caused by the last two hurricanes north of Miami. It was the wife's first plane trip and she slept most of the way. The plane traveled at 200 m.p.h. and it took 5½ hours from Indianapolis. The first thing we saw at the airport was a red steel stepladder manufactured by Hamilton Manufacturing company. Columbus products get around. We drove past the Beach hotels where, during the winter season, the American dollar is deflated to two cents. The American Legion says the American dollar has great goodbying power. The National convention didn't officially start until yesterday but they were celebrating when we got there—three days early. I think the Indiana Legionnaires like firecrackers mostly because it's against the law at home. Most of the damage done by the past two hurricanes is not by the 100 m.p.h. winds but by the water. As much water fell here during the past two storms as falls in Indiana in a year. Sport shirts and shorts are the uniform of the day here but I see by the paper that they don't wear that much in Monroe county, Indiana.

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1948_10_18_Camp looks like a toy from the air

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Man Who Deserted Atterbury Found

A 30-year-old Richmond man who deserted from Camp Atterbury in January 1946 finally has been arrested by FBI agents and Richmond police. He is Pfc. Homer L. Elmore, who has been turned over to military authorities at Fort Harrison.

Elmore was found employed as a foreman in a Richmond factory. He is married and has two children.

1948_12_16_Man who deserted Atterbury found.

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